

RESIDENTIAL SEARCH CONSENT

Dear Parent/Property Owner:

The Barrington-Inverness Police Department recognizes the growing concern involving underage alcohol and drug abuse in our community. Officers routinely respond to calls involving underage consumption of alcohol, public intoxication, and possession of alcohol or drug violations.

The Illinois Compiled Statute (235 ILCS 5/6-20) defines the legal drinking age as 21 years of age. Another provision of the Illinois Compiled Statute (235 ILCS 5/6-16) holds a person responsible for selling, dispensing, or giving away alcohol to any person knowing the person was under the legal drinking age. The same statute holds the person accountable for dispensing or selling the alcohol if the underage person is injured or dies as a result of alcohol consumption.

The Village Ordinances of Barrington and Inverness prohibit a parent/legal guardian from allowing a minor guest (under 21) of their child to commit a violation of the ordinance (consuming, possessing...). The parent/legal guardian is considered to have allowed the violation if they know, authorize or allow the unlawful acts by failing to control access to the residence or the alcohol in the residence.

In an effort to protect parents and property owners from unexpected and unwanted violations of alcohol and drug offenses occurring on their personal property the Barrington-Inverness Police Department has developed a consent form allowing officers to search your personal residence or property, in your absence in the event of suspicious circumstances which leads an officer to believe either of the aforementioned violations are occurring.

If you sign the Residential Search Consent form, you will be waiving your constitutional rights which generally require police officers to obtain a search warrant to protect you against unreasonable searches and/or seizures. However, the Barrington-Inverness Police Department **will not** randomly enter your residence unless investigating a call for service. This may involve loud noise/music, a large gathering of juveniles, or illegally parked vehicles. Officers may observe circumstances which appear suspicious considering the absence of adults or parents. Considering these suspicious circumstances officers will attempt to enter your house to establish the safety and welfare of your children.

The Barrington-Inverness Police Department **will not** attempt forcible entry to your house unless emergency or exigent circumstances exist. Excepting an emergency, we will only enter your residence if a door or window is found to be unlocked, or a person inside the house unlocks the door for an officer.

The granting of this consent is not a substitute for adult supervision and control over children as may be necessary or appropriate in a given case, and the Barrington-Inverness Police Department is not undertaking such responsibility.

Neither the Barrington-Inverness Police Department, nor Village in which your residence is located assumes any responsibility for violations of the law or damage occurring on your property during your absence.

The Residential Search Consent must be dated for the time you will be away from your house. A Residential Search Consent must be completed for every absence when you desire this added protection.

BARRINGTON-INVERNESS POLICE DEPARTMENT RESIDENTIAL SEARCH CONSENT

I (We), _____ being the legal owner(s)/renter(s) of the
Residence and property at _____ do hereby give consent to
And authorize sworn officers of the Barrington-Inverness Police Department, and to those called
to assist them, to enter upon my property and/or into my residence for the purpose of searching
my property, or residence, in my absence to check on the well being of my children and property
in my absence, and to seize evidence as proof of a violation of any alcohol or drug offense
included in any federal and/or state law and/or ordinance.

I (We) understand and agree that the granting of this consent is not a substitute for adult
supervision and control over my children as may be necessary or appropriate in a given case,
and the Barrington-Inverness Police Department is not undertaking such responsibility.

This consent is in effect from _____ to _____.

Signature _____

Property description _____

OFFICIAL POLICE DEPARTMENT USE

Department members must verify residential ownership by examining the driver's license and
another form of identification. Include the information below.

Owners Name _____ Drivers License number _____

Address/Telephone _____

Other Identification verified _____

Department member signature _____

Original attach to Vacation/Extra Watch
Copy to Chief of Police